

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/562,969
Amendment filed September 12, 2007
Reply to OA dated April 12, 2007

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 13 are currently pending in this patent application, claims 14 - 20 having been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer..

The applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added. It is believed that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated April 12, 2007.

At this time, the applicants thank the Examiner for now allowing claims 1 - 13. However, the in the outstanding Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 14 - 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. The applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this rejection.

In order to help expedite the processing of this patent application to issuance, the applicants have canceled claims 14 - 20 without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus, the outstanding rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101 is now moot.

Accordingly, the withdrawal of the outstanding rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101 is in order, and is therefore respectfully solicited.

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In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, claims, as amended, are in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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